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In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

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Title: LITHOGRAPHIC APPARATUS, DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD,
AND DEVICE MANUFACTURED THEREBY

SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed April 7, 2004, attached is a copy of the Abstract that was filed with the application on December 17, 2003. Also enclosed is a copy of the PTO date-stamped postcard evidencing receipt of 15-pages of the application, including claim pages and Abstract.

Applicant believes no fee is due for filing this Submission. However, should a fee be required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fee to our Deposit Account No. 03-3975 under Order No. 81468-307259.

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Enclosure: Abstract

ABSTRACT

A lithographic apparatus is disclosed. The apparatus includes an illumination system to provide a beam of radiation, an article support to support an article to be placed in a beam path of the beam of radiation, and a clamp to clamp the article to the article support. The clamp is provided with a plurality of zones located around a circumference of the article support to create a locally adjusted pressure so as to provide a local bending moment to locally bend the article.